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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/700,617

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed Dec 5, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,6-24,28-43 and 46.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments/Remark

1. Applicant's arguments, see pages 14 and 15, filed December 5, 2005, with respect to claims 1-2, 6-24, 28-43, 46, specification and abstract have been fully considered and are persuasive. The objections of claims 1-2, 6-24, 28-43 and 46, specification and abstract, and the rejection of claims 1-2, 6-22, 24 and 34-38 have been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-2, 6-24, 28-43 and 46 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record fails to teach or suggest, alone or in a combination, among other things, at least an OFDM receiver and its method as a whole, the combination of elements and features, which includes a slope of an equalizer parameter argument function of element-by-element product of the vector of the equalized signal from the equalizer and the conjugate of the vector of the quantized signal from the decoder (quantizer) or an average slope derived from the unwrapped equalizer parameter argument function of the equalized signal from the equalizer to provide the synchronization.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Shih et al. (US 5,949,820) describes an equalizer to control the digital timing.

Townshend (US 5,835,538) describes a feed-forward equalizer and a feed-back equalizer to recover an upsampled and a downsampled signal.

Monsen (US 3,879,664) describes a pre-detection combiner (adaptive equalizers) to prevent the error.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Edith M. Chang whose telephone number is 571-272-3041. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jay K. Patel can be reached on 571-272-2988. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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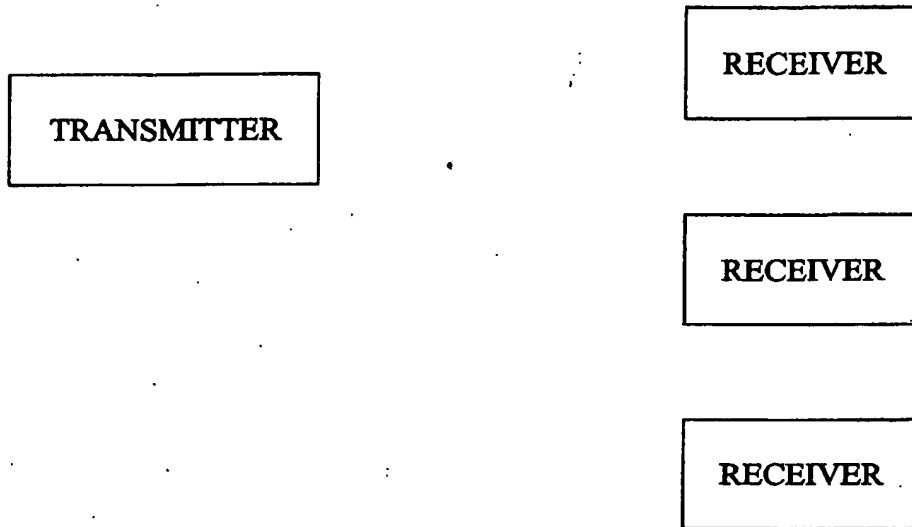


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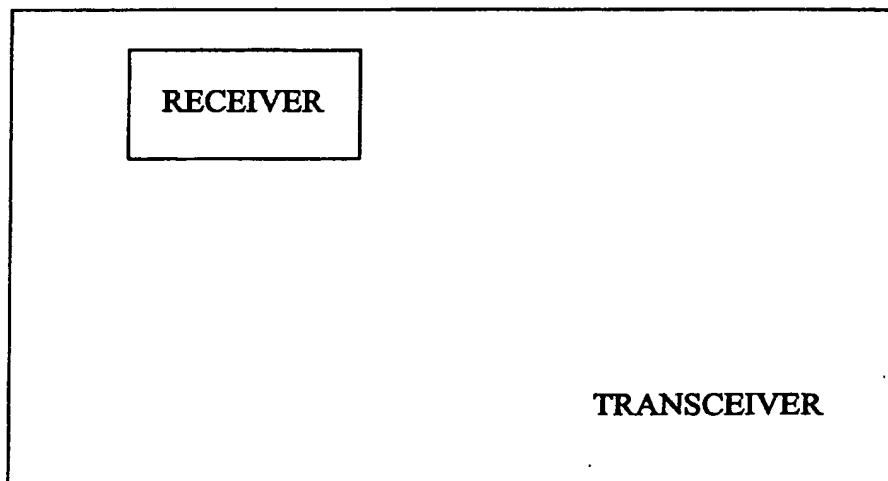


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